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SUBJECT: UK CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS

1. ALAN CAMPBELL, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FCO, TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM JUNE 7 THAT UK GOVERNMENT HAS RADICALLY ALTERED ITS POLICY CONCERNING CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS. PREVIOUS POLICY OF VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT HAS BEEN SCRAPPED. UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH SOARES WHEREBY UK WILL SEE LIBERATION LEADERS AT WHATEVER LEVEL AND IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES UK DEEMS APPROPRIATE. GENERAL THRUST OF NEW POLICY IS OPENESS AND DIALOGUE WITH LIBERATION GROUPS IN SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

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2. COMMENT. NEW POLICY APPEARS TO BE VERY MUCH IN LINE

WITH BASIC PREMISE OF LABOR PARTY'S EMERGING APPROACH TO
AFRICA; I.E., BRITAIN'S LONG-RUN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
INTERESTS IN AFRICA REQUIRE GREATER EFFORTS TO GET IN
STEP WITH DECOLONIZATION AND BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

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